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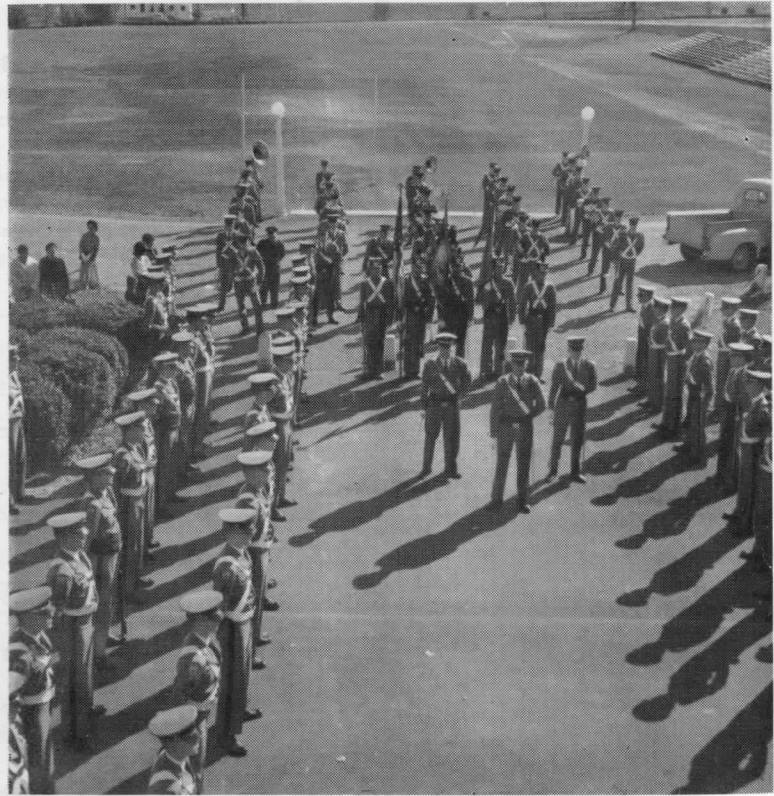
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## CORPS PAYS TRIBUTE TO HONORED DEAD NOV. 11th



Paying tribute to those men who died on the field of honor for their country was in the hearts and minds of all at AMA Nov. 11, Veteran's Day.

Highlighting the day's activities was the ceremony honoring former AMA cadets who died defending their nation in World Wars I and II. Col. Roy F. Lynn, the principal speaker, addressed the corps after the Roll Call. He said that it was imperative for us today to take a lesson from the great civilizations which have come and gone in this world. He pointed out that most of the great nations fell because of some internal force. He also said that it is up to a people not to become apathetic and disinterested in their own civic responsibilities. Along these same lines of thought, Col. Lynn added to the traditional list of three R's that of responsibility which, he said, should be instilled in each individual from the time when he is able to comprehend the meaning of this word. We might all do well to heed his words of advice and make them a working part of our own philosophy.

Sharing in Harrisonburg's tribute to its honored dead, the cadets marched in that city's Veteran's Day parade.

The corps was joined by the drill team from the University of Virginia and the band from Harrisonburg High School.

A speech by the mayor of Harrisonburg and the concert by the AMA band concluded the ceremonies there. In his speech, the mayor paid a great tribute to our former principal, General Charles S. Roller, Jr., who always rode a white horse in the Nov. 11 parade until the day of the jeep.

Cadets and faculty then had dinner in various restaurants in the city, compliments of the school. Tuesday saw the entire

## Band, Roller Rifles Win Halloween Treat (& Trick)

Honors were brought back to AMA on Halloween night, October 31. These came in the form of two first place trophies captured by the AMA Band and Roller Rifles at the annual Waynesboro Halloween Parade.

Neither the Band nor Roller Rifles received any appreciable competition as they marched through the streets to victory. It was quite obvious to this reporter that no other marching unit was able to compare, in dress, appearance or organization with that of AMA. It also seems probable that this is a good sign preceding a winning year in way of competitive parades.

During the town leave after the parade a dance was held in the Waynesboro High School gymnasium and once again, AMA cadets took all first places, only this time it was on the dance floor. It seemed rather a shame that no other schools were able to rate at the dance, but then, considering that in this world it is a matter of the survival of the fittest, AMA was exactly where it belonged.

Some degree of trouble was experienced with local teenagers who seemed to think it amusing to "score" on cadets' uniforms (and cadets) with paint and shaving cream, bricks and thermos jugs. However, it was soon apparent that AMA would win another first, which it did in the ensuing

rumble.

To be greatly commended is the Waynesboro Police Department which assisted in quieting things down when they appeared to be getting out of hand. The officers were courteous, calm, efficient, and took into complete consideration the fact that the cadets were acting in self-defense only. Order was restored and jubilant victorious cadets were loaded up and returned to school.

All men of the Band, Roller Rifles and the Colors are to be congratulated for their gentlemanly attitude and especially for the school spirit shown in assisting a fellow cadet who is being stepped on.

## Capt. Jones Joins Our Military Staff

Capt. Robert A. Jones, one of the new members of the military department, is a graduate of Texas A&M, where he received his commission in 1955. Wanting to take full advantage of his commission, Capt. Jones immediately enlisted in the Army, where he served his first year's tour of duty in Japan upon completion of his army schooling. He was then assigned to the Ranger Department at Fort Benning, Ga., for three years.

Capt. Jones later went to Korea, where he applied for ROTC duty. At the completion of his Korean duty, he was assigned to the military department here at

## Asst. Commandant



## Capt. Suarez Appointed Asst. In Commandant's Office

Capt. J. A. Suarez, head of the foreign language department, was recently appointed assistant commandant, according to Col. William L. Gardner, superintendent.

Capt. Suarez is a graduate of Havana University, where he earned the degree of "Doctor en Pedagogia." Upon his graduation, he taught at the Escolapios de Guanabacoa School and St. Thomas Military Academy, both in Havana, Cuba. He also taught psychology of education and psychology in secondary schools at Catholic University in Puerto Rico. Capt. Suarez became a member of the faculty at AMA four years ago.

Last summer Captains Suarez and LaPlaca took a trip to the western part of the United States where they visited many educational institutions to see the different teaching methods that were employed in their language departments. Among these institutions were Berkeley University, Los Angeles College, Marymount College, and others. According to the two, "We are proud to report

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Col. W. Leonard Gardner, Superintendent of Augusta Military, successor in office to Gen. Chas. S. Roller, speaks briefly to the Corps opening Armed Forces Day celebration. We all knew it would take a big man to fill the large shoes of Gen. Roller. Col. Gardner has quickly and admirably done just

## Evaluation Report

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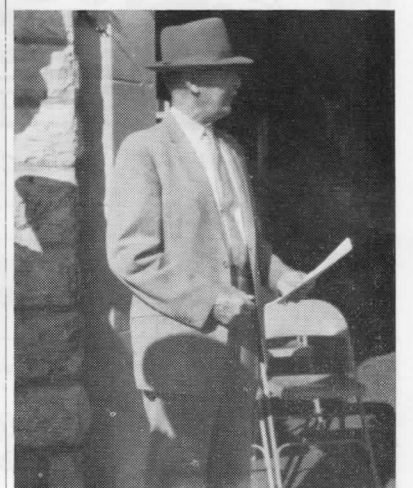
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ADMINISTRATIVE  
STAFF

More than six months work in preparation and four days of actual visitation was culminated at 4 p.m. in the school Library on Oct. 24 with the reading of the Evaluation Report of the State Board of Education and the Southern Association of Preparatory Schools. The twelve members of the evaluating team, under the direction of Mr. L. F. Shelbourne, Chairman, had completed their various reports, and the Administration and Faculty were gathered to hear the reading of their report.

The visitation was begun on Monday with the arrival of the Team late in the afternoon. Mr. Shelbourne spent several hours in the Library with the members—and, it is said that, he made committee assignments at this time and instructed the members in the procedure to be followed. At seven o'clock, Mrs. Chas. S. Roller, Mrs. Mal. H. Livick and Col. Livick were invited with the Faculty and Administrative Staff and Military Staff to dine with Mrs. Shelbourne's group and to meet them informally. After dinner, each teacher went to his classroom and the 'Evaluators' were taken on a tour of the school by Col. Livick, Col. S. S. Wales, Major C. E. Savedge and Col. W. L. Gardner, Superintendent. Each classroom was visited and teachers learned that they would be observed during the following three days of classes. (Teachers report anywhere from one or two all the way up to visitations at practically every class). The new maths and the new sciences came in for their full share of observation. The new Language Lab also drew much interest and praise from the committee on Foreign Languages.

During the Evaluation, all phases  
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Col. Roy F. Lynn, former P.M.S. at A.M.A., addresses the Corps of Cadets. His well thought out and well worded remarks, most suitable to the occasion, renewed our esteem for him and the friendship he has always shown for Augusta



# The Editor's Corner

## ON HONOR AND COMMON SENSE

by Cadet Randy Hoilman

Here we go again, you are probably thinking. The usual old spiel about be honest, don't lie, don't cheat, don't steal, etc. It's not, because, in this little editorial, I am trying to put two seemingly unrelated things together, Honor and a little bit of good old common sense. I am also trying to apply these things, not to everybody, but to AMA cadets in particular.

First of all, the greatest majority of AMA cadets do not and will not steal. Granted we have a few problems along this line, but rest assured, they will get theirs sooner or later, one way or the other. Since this, at the present, is not a widespread affliction, it will be hereafter omitted in this discussion.

Now we come to lying. Again most AMA cadets will not tell a "big" lie, but "little" ones are quite popular here. As far as I can reason, if a person can get away with a "big" lie, he will accomplish "big" ends (whatever they may be). Therefore a "little" lie would accordingly achieve only "little" ends.

So you tell a little lie. You keep your white page or you keep from doing a little penalty. Big deal. What good will either of them do you ten years from now. None. But to have sacrificed a little personal gain for a little personal honor may mean something to somebody else as well as yourself.

However, as all of us will probably be telling lies in some way or another for the rest of our lives, lying becomes more a matter of evaluation and personal choice than true honor. It's here that common sense less rationalization, (the idea of assuming that if an end is good then so are its means) must be honestly used. Generally this will result in telling the truth.

And now, the big thing; cheating. For about five minutes, just stop thinking about passing, graduating, getting out of help classes, Honor Roll and Privilege list, and every other associated state. Now, open up your closed mind a little and listen.

The reason you cheat is to make a grade, right? O.K., so you make the grade. Big deal. What do you know? Nothing. Sure, maybe it was just copying somebody's homework, or a book report, or a little quiz that counts one grade. But can you really do the homework right, do you know what you need to about the book, can you do the quiz and make a decent grade? 99.999 per cent of the time. No. Maybe you can swing the exam with cheat sheets and Roman eves, but what do you know? Nothing. My friends. I don't care how good or bad a cheater you are, if you don't know what you came here to learn, you are going to last about as long, in college, as it takes for the first grades to come out. Then it will be good-bye Charlie.

Now you're arguing! "I don't understand this course; I can't get it; I just want to pass it and get it behind me. This course isn't that important to me anyhow." Think a minute. If you make a C in that course, then anybody who looks at your record will think that you **know** that much of that course. You're going to look pretty silly when you can't define a preposition or solve a quadratic equation. Why not flunk the fool course decently, take it over (so what), and maybe understand a little of it the second or third time around. At least people will know what to expect from you and even if its only a D for the third year, you won't fall flat on your cheating face.

In other words, a grade is nothing without some knowledge behind it, but really understanding is better than a hundred grades, even if they are only D's.

So why bother to cheat in the first place? The grade won't do you one bit of **real** good, you can't hurt anybody but yourself, and, besides, if you get caught, you'll be kicked out. Make sense?



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"Here they come", The word was passed along Main Street in Harrisonburg as the Cadet Captain and his Staff, followed by the Colors, led the A.M.A. Corps and the parade on Nov. 11. Splendent in winter coats and full dyke, the Corps was applauded along the entire line of march. Mutual admiration seems to mark the traditional visit to Harrisonburg each year.

### EDITORIAL

Anyone who has visited Staunton, Harrisonburg, or any city during recent weeks cannot help but notice that Tom Turkey is dead. Santa Claus, via his helpers in the department stores, has taken over.

An eight-year-old recently defined Christmas as "The last three months of the year." In many ways she is right. The stores are already full of Christmas cheer—tree decorations, lights, colorful displays that by Christmas Eve will look like they were Thanksgiving decorations.

Let us pause, though, for a few moments before we rush into the season of giving and receiving to recall those gifts that we have received not as material Christmas gifts.

Life is not, has never been, nor will it ever be a perfect happiness. We will never have all those things which we desire. Conditions will never be exactly as every person might wish them to be. It is very easy to see the faults that surround us and to complain about them. There is absolutely nothing wrong with this if our complaints are in the form of constructive criticism; that is, if we don't like something the way it is, we know why and have a satisfactory solution to offer.

To complain for the sake of complaining is of no benefit to the complainer nor to the persons listening to a complaint.

But the lives do not consist only of faults. People are not all bad; conditions in which we live are not all bad; nor are we (me, as an individual) all bad. There are blessings which are sometimes hidden merely because we do not take the time to see them or because we are so convinced that something is completely wrong or bad that we can't see through our own prejudices.

Even though we may not think so at times, we all—each one of us—does have a great deal to be thankful for. Many of these things, these blessing, are personal things for which or about which we should be happy and content. Others belong to all of us as human beings. If we could only stop and think for a moment that really the blessings that we have are much larger and far outshine in importance any gripe or dissatisfaction that we have.

The point is this: the only blessing that we see before us as the big holiday season draws near is our material blessing. We couldn't forget Christmas if we wanted to; but let us also remember that that first Thanksgiving in 1620 in our land was celebrated for the purpose of giving thanks for all of the blessings this life offers.



Col. S. S. Wales, Commandant of Cadets, calls the "Roll". By proxy, the roll is answered by present cadets who step forward in turn and respond, "Died on the Field of Honor, Sir." This ceremony has been repeated at 11 a.m. for many years, yet it never ceases to be a few moments of inspiration to all

### SUAREZ

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that the methods, systems, and techniques employed in our language department here are among the most advanced in the field!"

This coming summer the travelers plan to go to Europe and bring back to the school memories, exciting experiences, and other memorabilia from the countries whose languages are taught here at the Academy.

**Editor's Note:** When asked why he was chosen for the job, it was rumored that Capt. Suarez replied, "Because I am the most esteemed member of the faculty and I like to holler!" But we feel that this is only a rumor and express our congratulations upon this appointment.

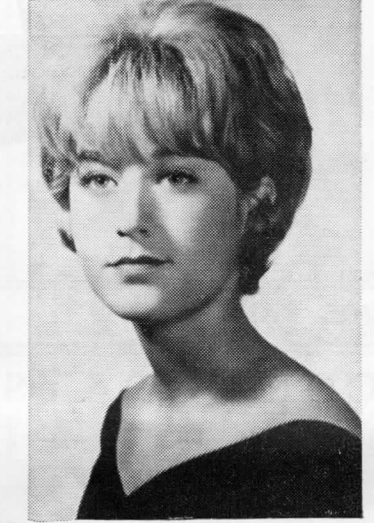
### PATRONIZE

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—WE DO!

### Girl of the Month



Meet Miss Diane Mitchell, an 18-year-old senior at Stuart Hall. She is a member of the Cotillion Club, the Date List, and the hockey team. An honor roll student, Diane is from Rye, New York. Says John Hipp, Captain of "C" Company, "Diane is the best looking girl at Stuart Hall."

### DID YOU NOTICE...

- ... that attempted assassination of a French teacher?
- ... the custom - made 1963 Ford that **used** to be parked around barracks?
- ... the emperor's new clothes?
- ... how crowded the commandant's office is getting?
- ... how our last dance almost turned into a Roman orgy?
- ... how much paper is cluttering up the classrooms since the evaluation?
- ... the news editor's new interest?
- ... a certain article in Madison College's paper?
- ... how much the Spanish 3 students are enjoying translating the works of St. Teresa de Jesus?
- ... that **Sylvester** was caught one night in the second stoop sinks by a cadet captain?
- ... a certain band company officer discovered Mexico, D.F. is located in Missouri?
- ... how much weight a certain G.R. has lost in spite of all the goodies that he keeps in his locker?
- ... how often McIntosh uses the cork given to him by Capt. Suarez?
- ... how busy Davies was one night looking for keys in the courtyard?
- ... why Bebas has the nickname of "gordo"?
- ... how well supplied Lee Miller is with bank checks and a memory?
- ... how eager Barry Buzzard is to work in class the 6th period?
- ... the new broom pusher in the language department? (K.B.)
- ... how fragrant is # 4 in the tower?
- ... how well wired for sound is room 301?
- ... how artistically Wilkins painted Capt. Saunders' windows?
- ... how refreshed Batty is after his tea at recess?
- ... how much care Inguagiato gives to his eyes?

### RUSTY

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for it. A delightful spirit of happiness and enthusiasm pervades our barracks.

Now we can hold up our heads and look the world in the face. There is no skeleton in our closet. We have not only swept in front of our door but we have also given the inside a thorough cleaning. The "Rat System" has been for



## Old-Timer Sammy Wales At AMA Ten Years

Cadet Battalion Adjutant Sammy Wales is in the midst of his 10th year at Augusta. He was 8 years old when he first came to the school in 1954.

Sammy's career has been as follows:

1st year — 1954 — 3rd grade — corporal, "D" company.

2nd year — 1955 — 4th grade — squad sergeant, "D" company.

3rd year — 1956 — 5th grade — squad sergeant, "D" company.

4th year — 1957 — 6th grade — squad sergeant, "D" company.

5th year — 1958 — 7th grade — platoon sergeant, "F" company.

6th year — 1959 — 8th grade — platoon sergeant, "F" company.

7th year — 1960 — 9th grade — platoon sergeant, "B" company.

8th year — 1961 — 10th grade — 1st lieutenant, "B" company.

9th year — 1962 — 11th grade — Capt., "C" company.

10th year — 1963 — 12th grade — Adjutant.

During these years, Sammy has participated in many activities and won many awards. He has been a member of the Roller Rifles for 4 years, being squad sergeant his second, platoon sergeant his third, and is commander of the drill team this year.

Sammy was considered the best drilled cadet in the Roller Rifles in 1963.

Among the other awards that Sammy has earned are best officer in the battalion in 1961-62 and having the best room in barracks in 1963.

He has served as treasurer of the Student Body for the past two years.

After graduation Sammy plans to go on to college at Penn State, North Carolina State, Texas Tech, or VPI, majoring in animal husbandry. After college he plans to go into professional farming. At the present time, Sammy is an active member of the 4-H Club. In his last showing of his Black Angus Cattle he won a third place.

So to Sammy Wales, Jr., we, the cadets of the corps, salute you and wish you all success in the future.

## FORMER STUDENT VISITS A. M. A.

Bob Hume, '63, paid a visit to his alma mater Oct. 26-27 while on leave from V.P.I.

Bob was co-captain of Headquarters Company last year.

While at AMA, Bob was regarded as one of the most active cadets in the corps. He was a varsity basketball manager for three years and he drove most of the school vehicles whether he was supposed to or not.

When asked about the military life at V.P.I., Bob said, "This school is just child's play in comparison."

## School Bank Announcement

Cadets are reminded that the school bank is open every Thursday immediately after 6th period. It is requested that you come to the bank promptly, properly dressed, and with the bank check filled out with your name, number, and correct amount.

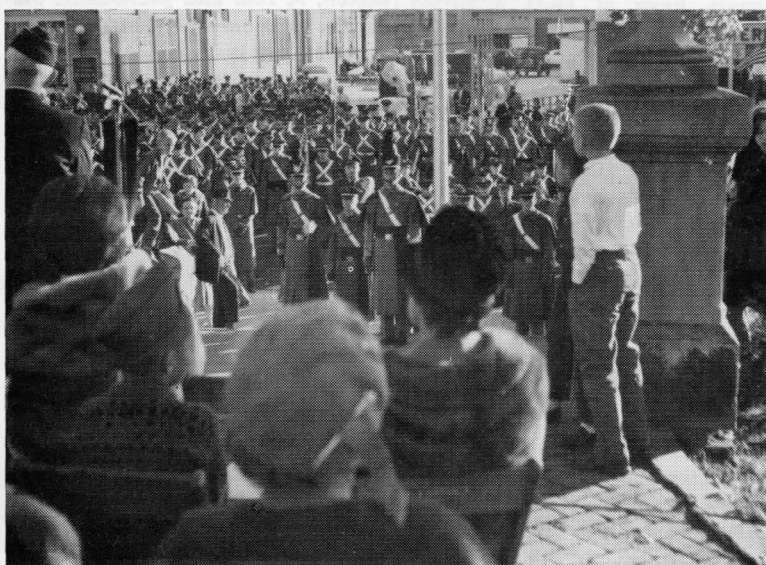
The bank is open to provide cadets with personal spending money provided by their parents only. It will not provide funds for dances, school rings, college boards, college application fees, or any other extra expense.

Due to the fact that Thursday, Nov. 28, is Thanksgiving Day, the bank will be open on Wednesday, Nov. 27.

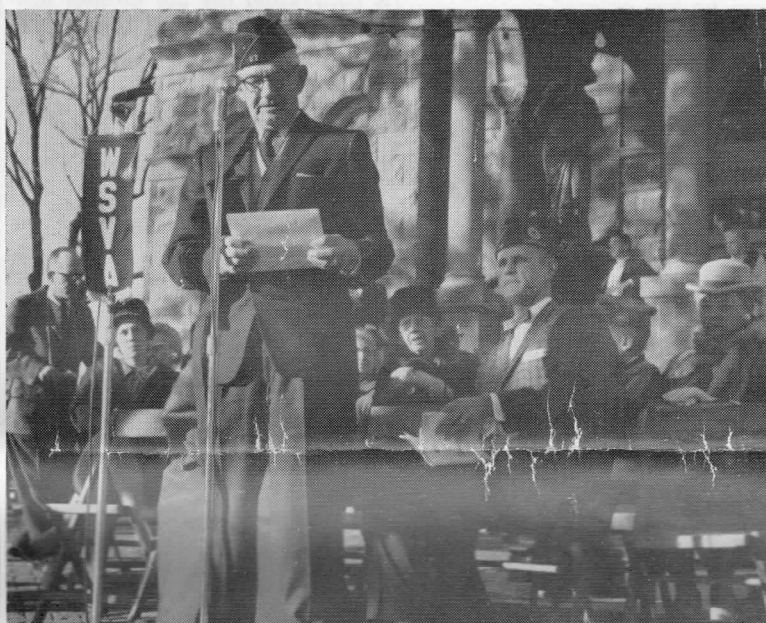
## KEEP IT CLEAN...

After practically taking over the showers in the gym and in big barracks, the 7th and 8th graders rejoiced at the announcement that their very own showers were at last ready for use.

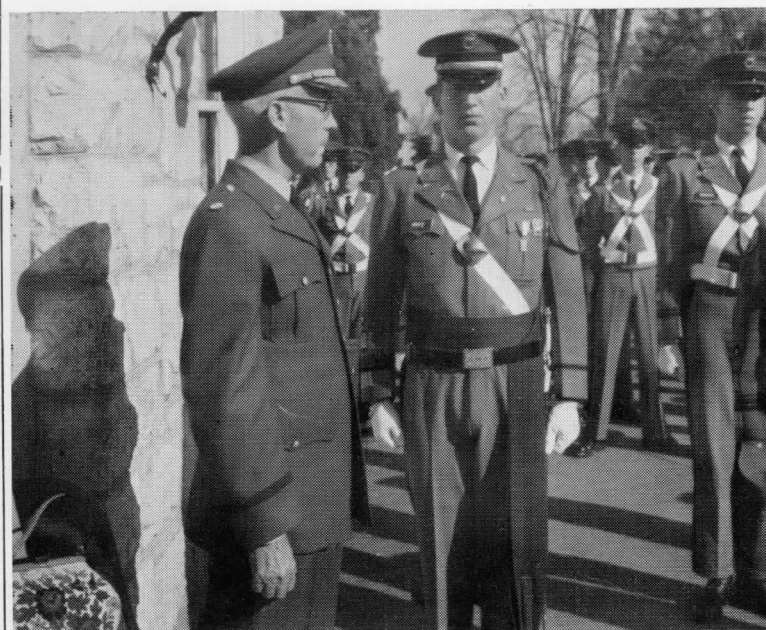
The shower and sink rooms were completely remodeled during the summer, but the final coat of paint could not be applied until the walls had completely dried.



The Corps, in Mass Formation in Court Square, listens to the appropriate remarks of Harrisonburg's Mayor Switzer as a culmination to the Armed Forces Day Parade. Seated behind the speaker's platform are Col. Livick's mother, wife and (in overseas cap) son Charlie.



Harrisonburg's Mayor, Mr. Switzer, eulogizes the memory of Gen. Chas. S. Roller, who led his beloved Corps of Cadets in Nov. 11 Parades for many years. Background left can be seen Major Savedge (with camera) and Mrs. Livick. Background right, Mrs. S. S. Wales. Seated to her right can be seen the cap of future Cadet Mal. Livick. The scene is the Court House steps.



Col. Gardner watches intently as the 'Roll' is called. Cadet Lt. Frank Hruza awaits his turn to respond to the Roll Call. He and a number of other Cadets had the honor of standing in the place of bye-gone heroes of two world wars and the Korean conflict.

## EVALUATION REPORT (Continued from Page 1)

es of A.M.A.'s program came in for close scrutiny. If there had been skeletons in closets, they would not have gone undetected. No one knew that Mr. Shelbourne would order a fire drill, with only one minute notice, and no one knew why Col. Gardner took off for the Big Room at a speed that

## Teachers Now Being Taught

Cadets are not the only persons at Augusta doing homework during study hall. Many of our teachers are attending school this term at Madison College, University of Virginia, and by correspondence.

Col. Hoover and Capt. Hanson are taking calculus at Madison, while Major Kramer is auditing the calculus course. Lt. Carswell

and Major Lucus are attending modern mathematics class, while Major Hart is taking mental testing. Col. Livick and Major Savedge are taking philosophy of education.

At the University of Virginia are Col. Gardner, our superintendent, and Col. McCue, both taking guidance and administrative education.

Most of these courses meet one night a week.

Col. Hoover, Col. McCue, and Major Kramer are all taking correspondence courses at the University of Wisconsin.

## First Informal

A.M.A.'s social scene opened on November 2 with the first all-school dance, held in the gym. Approximately 100 cadets and their dates attended. Music was provided by the Fabulous Mascots, a rock and roll band from Harrisonburg.



Rev. Louis Zbinden, pastor of Old Stone Church, leads us in prayer.



Shuttle service deposited half of the Battalion on the campus of Madison College by 2 p.m. Here, groups of cadets cast admiring eyes at the never-ending parade of Madison College beauties as they inadvertently (?) pass by going to and from classes. Later, many of these same boys were seen back on the campus with many of the same girls.



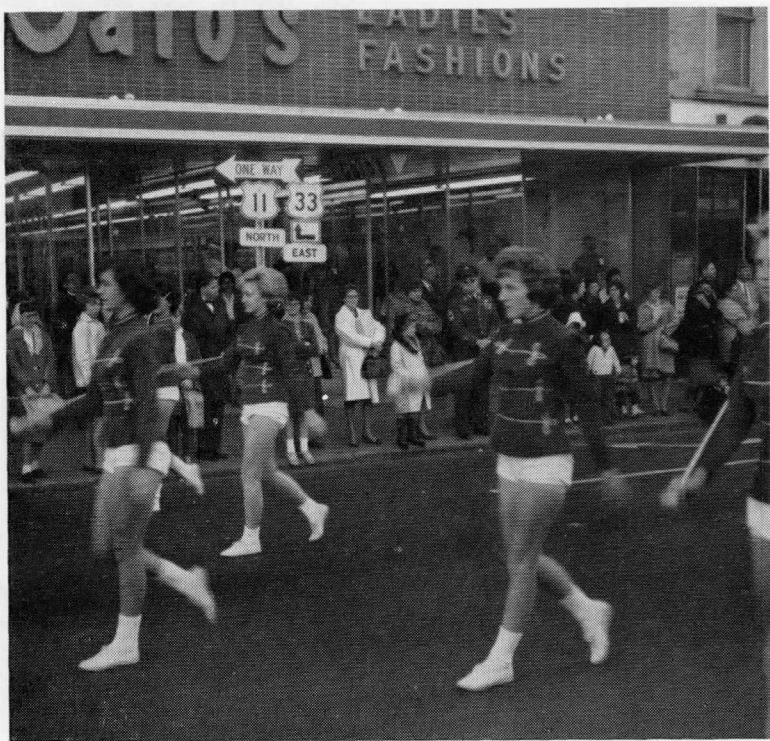
Our friendly and much loved Band Master, Major Goforth, chats with a group of his bandsmen while awaiting final fall-in. Around a small nucleus of experienced musicians, Major Goforth has built an organization precise of both notes and marching. Each Sunday, as well as in neighboring cities, crowds thrill to the martial music of our Band

one min. flat.

The Evaluating Report was read publicly as aforesaid, rather than turned in to the Administration as is done at some schools. Col. Gardner and Col. Livick felt that the entire staff was entitled to hear the entire report, both good and bad, rather than a watered down version. In most areas, the report was from excellent to su-

perior, and in other areas the report was constructive criticism aimed at long range improvements. Several suggestions are already in full swing (P.T.' and others are in the planning stage, full time Guidance Director and rebuilding of wood structures). All concerned are much pleased with the report and all concerned are awarded Orchids by The Bayonet.





**GIRLS—GIRLS—GIRLS.** What is a parade without the Baton Twirlers! Neither cold, nor sleet nor rain nor dark of night nor the presence of the entire A.M.A. Cadet Corps can stop these hardy marchers from exhibiting their skills whenever two or more viewers are present on the curb. (Ed. Note—this is not belittling—more power to you, girls.)

## MC GIRLS DATE MEN IN GRAY

(Editor's note: The following article is reprinted from the news (?) publication of Madison College. The three letters which follow are letters to this editor in reply.)

Last Monday afternoon, I looked out over our beloved institution and saw a most pleasing sight. The young "ladies" of Madison (mostly freshmen) were displaying military respect by "dating" members of Augusta County's most respected prep schools, AMA and SMA. My heart jumped with pangs of pride to see "our girls" taking such a devoted interest in the young gentlemen (15-18) dressed in gray.

This show of devotion is especially commendable considering the fact that said young ladies are in such demand at other institutions of learning. The act also showed the courage of Madisonites since it is against school policy for girls to date gentlemen under 18 years of age; but what matter the administration when the happiness of the Augusta County Military is at stake.

Yes, this was truly a sight to behold seeing the magnificently clad "bellhops" (a term of endearment assigned to the military of Augusta by the benevolent male populace of Madison) strolling, skipping, and sometimes toddling (we must remember that they are not quite as old as the average college student) about our campus. It would really be a tragedy if this wonderful phenomenon would ever come to an end, for then how could our girls express their military devotion?

—Marshall Cook  
Madison College

Dear Editor:

After the Veterans' Day parade last Monday afternoon, we, the cadets of Augusta Military Academy were given town leave in Harrisonburg. Since we have had little feminine companionship in the last two months, most of us decided to enjoy the delightful company of Madison's most desirable element — the young ladies.

The majority of the young ladies seemed very glad to see us, dressed in our neat grey uniforms. In fact, it seemed as if they hadn't seen a real male in a long while. This struck me as being rather peculiar. I knew that "boys" attended Madison, but I wondered why they weren't with the ladies of the college.

After we had talked to some of

Madison's delights, we asked if we could escort them to the "tea room" for a coke and a little conversation. We soon discovered that finding a seat for our dates was almost impossible. It seemed that the "entire" male population of Madison was holding a bull session in all of the booths in the tea room. We stood for a while, hoping that some of these fine young "gentlemen" of Madison would at least offer our dates a seat. As it turned out we were still standing until part of the group left.

At this time, I would like to thank the boys of Madison for their seats and the company of their girls. Also, a book of manners is being sent to the "refined gentlemen" of Madison from the mannerly and masculine cadets of Augusta Military Academy.

—Randy Mitchell

Dear Editor:

Mr. Cook, we fully sympathize with you. The problem you presented has long been standing in the minds of AMA cadets. Every day, hundreds of unfortunate young men at Madison are beaten out in the age-old game of girl-chasing. It is not very often that one of them has the courage to step forward and enlarge upon the subject. Many of these cadets, as you say, are just between fifteen and eighteen years old. It is obvious you have quite a disgraceful situation on your hands, and, believe me, we at AMA are more than aware of it. It is true that the typical AMA cadet leaves little for the Madison boy to contend with. The uses of such deceitful devices as neat uniforms, charm, wit, and manners is perhaps a little unfair of us. We at AMA admit that the battle is quite unjust. We curse the fact that we cannot be unique and unusual like our Madison contemporaries. But alas, we are just normal young men.

However, immediate steps have been taken to insure the security of all the fellows at Madison College. Beginning this forthcoming weekend, Madison College will be "off limits" for all of our grade-school cadets. All of us at AMA wish to thank Mr. Cook for bringing the subject before us. It has given us an opportunity to express our deep sorrow for the predicament of the "benevolent male populace of Madison" and to demonstrate our concurrence with the refined taste and good judgement of the young ladies of Madison College.

—Allain Hale

## FROM A RUSTED BAYONET...

(Editor's note: This editorial is reprinted from the issue of December 19, 1934. Thanks is given to Mrs. Roller, who has given to THE BAYONET several copies of the newspaper from former years.)

"If your eye offend you, pluck it out."

Most schools have boasted, or, if sincere, have at least admitted, the existence of some form of "Rat System" within their student body.

It may not have been called by this particular degrading name, but it was a "Rat System" just the same. It lived and had its being either openly recognized, or merely condoned by those in authority. It was deemed either beneficial, or recognized as a necessary evil.

It may have its virtues. Even this is debatable. However, wherever it exists, there must be a penalty for the infraction of its rules. This frequently means hazing in a more or less brutal form. That is no longer tolerated by a civilized world.

There are those who contend that practical jokes are harmless and that a new boy, who fails to enter into the spirit of these little parties given at his expense, is not fit material for the school whose doors he has entered.

Admitting that in certain cases this might be true, there are

young men whose sensitive natures abhor ridicule and public humiliation to them would be as painful as physical punishment. This is mental hazing and is as deplorable as corporal punishment.

Does a "Rat System" promote good discipline? Emphatically, "no."

It is conducive of fear, which inculcates blind but unwilling obedience. It makes a boy an automaton. A real and permanent discipline can only be instilled by a thorough understanding and a desire for instant cooperation. This does not subordinate individuality or destroy aggressiveness.

Real discipline promotes peace, harmony, and a maximum efficiency, while false discipline breeds only mutiny and rebellion.

The AMA corps of 1933-'34, believing that hazing was a barbarous practice, abolished the "Rat System" from the school & adopted in its stead a system based on privileges awarded for academic excellence and seniority of service.

There must always be a distinction between the old and the new. It is true in business and true in life. It must be, but this distinction should be based on respect for superior knowledge and greater service.

We have a lot to learn yet and there are many mistakes of which to be reminded, but the old boy is cultivating the big brother attitude and the new is loving him

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The band goes marching by. Pulses beat faster in tempo to the martial strains of our marching band. With justifiable pride, Band Co. officers lead their musicians in Harrisonburg as they had already done in Waynesboro, and will repeat during the year in Staunton, Charlottesville, Alexandria and other neighboring cities.

Dear Editor:

My dear, dear, dear Mr Cook, hee! What's the matter, someone steal your cookie?

I don't remember any girls to say, They didn't like the men in grey, Normally we young men don't mind,

Little fellows of your kind.

Oh! Yes we know that we are young,

But ask the girls; they prefer Augusta two to one.

Now come on, son, here's a hint, When you read it, don't change your tint.

Call us what you want, Ace; But don't dare say it to our face.

—Steve Chisick  
An AMA Toddler

## NOTICE

The stationery window and book room is open every Tuesday afternoon from 4:30 to 6:00 for all cadets. It is open Tuesday evening immediately after supper for those cadets who play sports in the afternoon only. Cadets are reminded that they must come at these times and be properly dressed. Day boys may pick up needed supplies immediately after school on Tuesdays.

## LIBRARY COLUMN

Mrs. Dorothy Hageman, Academy librarian, announces that the following reference books were recently added to the library:

Guide to the study of the United States.

Americana Annual, 1963.

Statesman's Yearbook, 1963-64.

Historical Statistics of the U.S. Colonial Times to 1957.

Congressional Directory, 88th Congress.

(Virginia govt.) Report of the Sec. of the Commonwealth.

Harwood, Student's Guide to Military Service.

Private Independent Schools, 1961.

Harnes, New American Guide to Colleges.

Johnson's Dictionary. A modern section.

New Roget's Thesaurus of the English Language.

New Cassell German Dictionary.

Larousse Elementaire.

Appleton's new Spanish Dictionary.

McGraw-Hill Yearbook.

Young People's Science Encyclopedia.

James, Mathematics Dictionary.

Handbook of Chemistry and Physics.

Buchsbaum, Animals without Backbones.

Romer, The Vertebrate Body.

Rolfe, Airplanes of the World.

G. P. O. Style Manual.

Munro, Golden Encyclopedia of Art.

Crass, New Milton Crass Complete Stories of the Great Operas.

Cassell's Encyclopedia of World Literature.

Macy, The Story of the World's Literature.

Gassner, Masters of the Drama.

Nyren, Library of Literary Criticism.

Darches, Critical History of English Literature.

Untermeyer, Modern American Poetry and Modern British Poetry.

Langer, Encyclopedia of World History.

American Highway Atlas.

Current Biography, 1960-62.

Kannik, Flag Book.

American Heritage Picture History of the Civil War.

The Civil War Dictionary.



Cadet Sgt. Shore, of Band Co., provides the 'echo' during the sounding of Triple-Taps as a finale to Armed Forces Day celebration held in front of main barracks, Band Company, under the leadership of cadet Captain Nicol, has been doing a yoemen's job this year at military formations, parades, etc. We all agree that the 1963 edition of the band is the best heard around these parts in many a moon.



'63 EDITION OF THE ROLLERMEN



(Front row, left to right) Smith, Bebas, Light Raymo, Harris, M; Phillips, Cox, Pence, Wade. (Second row, left to right) Suydam, Helms, Hobbs, Hart, Richardson, Holsinger, Cappola, Burks, Dereamer, Newkirk. (Third row, left to right) Simmons, Harris, D.; Suydam, Pettit, Ruth, Foster, Lampman, Dunlap, Hileman, Carter, Eichner. (Fourth row, left to right) Irby, Ziegler, Hart, Ralph and McIntosh.

SOCCER  
TEAM  
WINS

Augusta's soccer team traveled to Charlotte Hall in southern Maryland and defeated the strong Yellow Jackets 4-3 in a highly contested game. Until this meeting with Augusta, the CHMA team had a record of five wins and two losses.

CHMA's team was composed of an experienced group of Spanish-American players and they fought bitterly only to lose to a more determined eleven from Augusta.

Augusta's green but eager team took the offense from the start of the game and kept the Yellow Jackets continually on the defense.

CHMA managed to elude the secondary of AMA late in the first quarter to score the first goal to lead 1-0.

Augusta again took the attack and just as the quarter ended Webster, outside left, tallied the first AMA goal.

A the start of the second half CHMA again succeeded in getting by the blue fullbacks and Gomez scored to put CHMA in the lead 2-1.

Again AMA came back and tied the score when Tim Lane, AMA captain, put one by the CHMA goalie.

This was the pattern of the game and CHMA went ahead when they slipped one by the AMA goalie.

Taylor, AMA inside right, tied the score.

Shortly after this third AMA goal, which tied the score, Tim Lane, playing with the AMA line, shot a goal which put AMA in the lead and a lead which Augusta never relinquished.

CHMA tried valiantly to tally but the AMA team was playing as a unit and won the game.

The Traditional  
Thanksgiving Game  
To Be Played Here

The football game between Fishburne Military School and Augusta Military Academy on Thanksgiving Day has been a tradition for many, many years. This year the match will be held on our Clay Bowl at 2:30 p.m.

Fishburne has not defeated us in twelve years. The Blue Streaks will be trying to keep their twelve-game winning streak going, and Fishburne will attempt to end its losing streak.

The final game for both teams, there will be some hard training going on prior to the kick-off on Thanksgiving Day.

JV's DEFEATED  
BY S. M. A.

by Dick Beaver

On Oct. 25 the Junior Hilltoppers of SMA beat the Baby Blue Streaks of AMA 38 to 2.

"The boys fought hard and played a good game, but they were out-manned and out-played," said the coaches.

In the first and second quarters, two Hilltopper touchdowns and extra points seemed to spark the AMA boys into greater drive. In the third period a punt blocked by Ben Beard put AMA on the scoreboard with two points. In the fourth quarter a sustained drive by SMA resulted in two TD's for the Hilltoppers.

As the final gun sounded, the score was SMA 38, AMA 2.

BASKETBALL

Basketball is great and basketball is grand;

It is better to be a player than an unobservant fan.

You run down the court with the greatest of ease;

With one thought in mind, your coach to please.

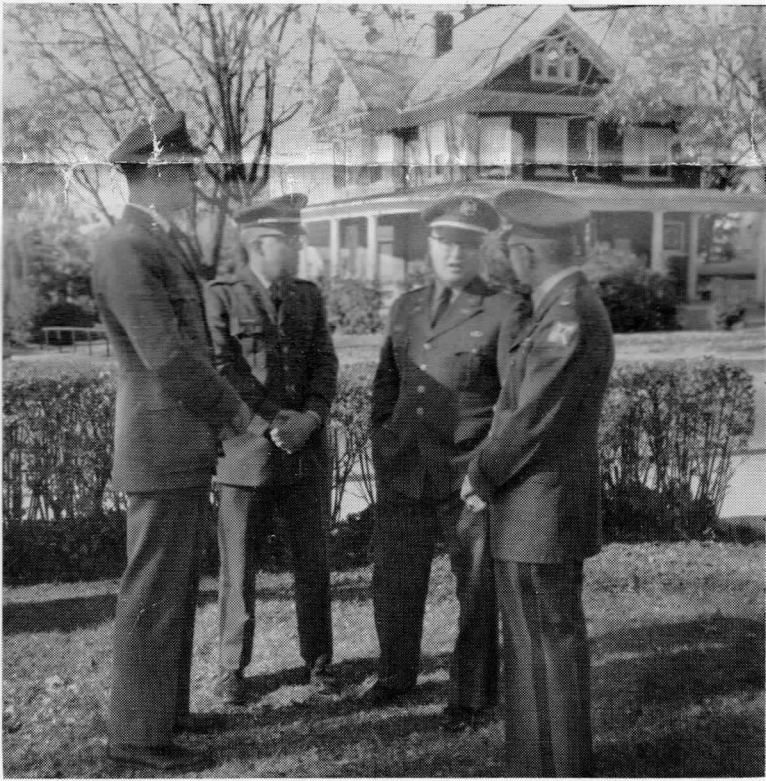
You dribble the ball to the end of the floor;

And try to make two points for a score.

You grow tired and your wind becomes short;

And you wonder why you ever came out for this sport.

—by Randy Mitchell



'Administration' and faculty members pass the time of day on the front lawn of Madison College awaiting time for the parade to move out. (L. to R.) Col. Malcolm H. Livick, Capt. Lloyd Flanigan, Capt. Harold Seigler and Col. Will Parkins are obviously in agreement as to the efficient manner in which the Corps has been transported to Harrisonburg.

Basketball Season  
Starts With Good  
Turn Out and  
Good Prospects

by Matt Bradbury

The tryouts for the varsity basketball team were Nov. 7th. Col. Livick, the coach, says that there are thirty boys out, but he will have to drop 12 to 15 boys. He also said he is still waiting for the boys from the fall sports to try out. He has a young team consisting mostly of sophomores and juniors. Col. Livick says he has good prospects in Tom Rannie of Waynesboro and Pete Lampman from Lynchburg. Other prospects are Mike Harris, Larry Pence, Phil Newkirk, Tom Light, Frank Poplaski and John Hileman. Up from the J.V.'s are Spence, Carter and McIntosh.

Col. Livick said, "We are looking for a fine season. We have a good, hustling ball club, and hope that the corps will give the team good support."

This is the tentative varsity basketball schedule:

Dec.	
6 Wash. and Lee (Frosh)	H
7 Bridgewater (Frosh)	A
9 Randolph-Macon	A
Jan.	
11 Bridgewater (Frosh)	H
13 Staunton	H
18 Hargrave	H
22 Woodberry Forest	A
25 Fork Union	H
30 Staunton	A
Feb.	
1 Hargrave	A
6 Massanutten	A
8 Fishburne	H
10 Wash. and Lee (Frosh)	A
12 Fork Union	A
17 Greenbrier	A
19 Massanutten	H
21 Greenbrier	H
24 Fishburne	A
27-29 VMSL Tournament—	
Massanutten Mil. Acad.	

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Both of these gentlemen should be congratulated and thanked for the giving of their valuable time and efforts to this worthy project each year.

It should be realized that a great factor in making the dreams and desires of a happy Christmas for these young children come true is the gifts which are purchased with the money contributed by the cadets. It is therefore asked of every cadet that he start saving a little money each week (a dime, nickle, quarter, etc.) for this very worthy cause.

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## HEPZIBAH GOES TO NEW YORK

Now Hepzibah Pyncheon was not very dumb,  
Her shop was not opened in a dumpy old slum  
She moved to Greenwich where beatniks do mingle,  
And opened a place with a coffee shop shingle.

Beatniks came from many a mile,  
Just to see Hepzibah's wrinkled old style  
One Beatnik would grunt and the other would groan,  
And Hepzibah would creep quietly away from her throne.

Once at the table she would whip out her pad,  
And say to the Beatnik "What'll it be, Dad?"  
She would write down the order with much poise and ease,  
While the Beatnik would mumble, "One sugar lump please."

Day after day, year after year,  
Beatniks mumbling was all she would hear.  
Now all of this life didn't have much of a lift.  
But it was better than staying home with that moody old Cliff.

—by Jack Moll

## COMMENT ON THE PIG

If you my friend,  
ever longed for an end  
to hardship, misery and flight,  
then for the perfect suggestion  
of what you'd be best in,  
the role of a pig would be right.

Yes, he seems so secure  
on his bed of manure,  
with flies on the end of his nose,  
and his torpor is such  
that it's really too much  
to get up, unless it snows.

To discuss his mentality  
would be utter prodigality,  
(so lets' immediately from this suggestion depart)  
For a pig's inclination  
is to present an expression  
which would make a chicken look smart.

He spends all of his time  
rolling in slime,  
so it's hard to tell his back from his front.  
But there's one way to know  
where each end should go:  
Kick one end — the other will grunt.

But a pig's utter squalor  
never raises a holler  
from his owner or barnyard friends,  
for a pig's one defect  
is that he never expects  
his bright days to come to an end.

So if you still pine  
for easy life sometime  
then your suffering I'll try to assuage.  
Kiss your problems goodbye  
and a pig's life just try  
and wind up on a string of sausage.

—by Allain Hale

## THE OLD TIME RELIGION

While traveling today, on a bus,  
I saw some people dressed differently from us,  
The boys and the men all wore black pants,  
And each wore a shirt of a solid color.  
The girls and the women were of the same fashion too,  
Unselfish and plain, right down to their shoes.  
The men seemed to be busy like ants,  
Working, using the tools of yesteryear's store.  
They seemed quite happy with the lives they led,  
Austere as they were, expecting their rewards when dead.  
These people are called the "Amish", I believe,  
Whose religion makes them out of date.  
I'd like to visit them sometime, and check on the way they  
live  
And find on my own how it is to live life so straight.

—by James Fourqurean

## GUM GRIPE

When it comes to girls,  
I don't want you to think  
I'm a professor of pessimistics.  
I think girls are fine  
If they're cuddly and soft,  
And have all the vital statistics.  
But one bad habit  
That some girls have  
Turns my thoughts away from romancing;  
When lights are down low,  
And the music is soft,  
She chews gum in my ear while we're dancing.

—by John Casto

# Lasting Limericks

## THE DRUNK

Drunks are usually found at bars,  
Shooting the crap with all the boys.  
They think they're big with all their drinks,  
But recall they're nothing but rinky dinks.

They ruin their lives with all their booze,  
They never know when to stop.  
They work all day with a sweaty mass,  
Then out at night and really get gassed.

When the bar closes up,  
He has nowhere to go,  
So he sleeps in the back on a bunk.  
And thus is the life of a drunk.

—by Steve Martin

## JUST PICTURE

Warm, wild cheerful places,  
Laughing, joking, familiar faces.  
Soft, loving, tender hearts,  
Crowds, drug stores, super-marts.  
A fireplace, snowplows, icy streets, and sweaters,  
Beaches, lawn-mowers, double-headers.  
The Sunday paper, Christmas trees, Easter candy,  
Beer, blankets, wet and sandy.  
The "Late Show", pizza, chocolate shakes,  
Burning leaves, cardboard boxes and rakes.  
Grease, oily wrenches, cracked pistons, no choke,  
Crowded basements, loud music, love and smoke.  
Phone numbers, homework, getting home late,  
The closet, your desk, the kitchen, the gate.  
Her smile, soft eyes, "Dear Johns," her crying.  
Police cars, ambulances, pain and dying.  
These are the joys, the pains, the fears,  
I've experienced; sum total, seventeen years.

—by Pete Jorgensen

## TAKE HEED

As I was walking down South Street  
listening to that low down beat  
I could hear the drummer drumming  
and the jazzy singer humming  
The music made me feel real blue  
so I knew I just had to have a brew.  
I followed the sounds to the nearest bar  
I had my first and it brought me up to par.  
I looked around to check out the scene  
Which I found to be real keen.  
The band was hitting it sweet and fast  
Man I couldn't let that number pass;  
I chose a chick who was fast on her feet,  
We danced the T-bird to that beat.  
It was a cool place so I decided to stay,  
But my plans were ruined when the fuzzy made their play.  
So now I'm sitting in a bad hurt  
No longer able to hear that swinging beat.  
So pay attention and pay heed,  
And don't get caught doing the same ol' deed.

—by Ray Smith

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